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BETWEEN OURSELVES

The Yankee Division at one time or another comprised some forty to fifty thousand men. Every conceivable shade of opinion, political, economic or social, was represented, from the most wildly radical to the most barnacle-clad conservative. The Y.D.V.A. with its 2000 members is a pretty fair cross section of the whole fifty thousand.

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YANKEE DOINGS has been criticized (or commended—depending upon the viewpoint of the observer) for being more often conservative than radical. It has been criticized (or commended) for placing the interests of the nation above the interests of the veteran group; for placing citizenship above veteranship. But it has never "sold out." It has never had its opinion "sold" to it by any influence or coercion. It has never sided with *any* group against any group, but with the nation above all groups. *If* such opinion *happened* to coincide with that of some group—be it the veterans or someone else—that was purely incidental; it was simply because, from independent observation, that particular group seemed to be in the right at the particular time.

Where DOINGS has heretofore (at times) pleased the ultra-conservative and perhaps offended the ultra-radical, it is quite possible that the reaction from what follows herein may be quite the reverse. But the about-face is not for the sake of pleasing anybody or offending anybody. In fact it isn't an about-face at all. The picture itself has changed. From a position of having the whip-hand, and (at times) perhaps cracking it a little too loud, veterans have been manoeuvred into a position where the whip may be cracked *over* them—and perhaps a little too loud! We're for justice—to all. When it looked as if possibly the country-at-large might suffer injustice because of veteran power unfairly used, DOINGS tried to speak for the country-at-large. When—as now—it looks as if veterans might suffer injustice, DOINGS is ready to use what small power it has to fight such a possibility.

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In his campaign for President, Mr. Roosevelt stated that no hardship should, or would, be inflicted upon the man who had suffered incapacity, physical or mental impairment in the service of his country. We

haven't the exact words, but that was the sense of it. Under the terms of the Economy Act, to the extent they have been disclosed, this promise will not be kept. We're for the President; we're for anything that holds promise of restoring prosperity. We concede that major economies cannot be effected by taking a little nibble here and a little nibble there. We realize that the pruning has to be done with a broad-sword. BUT, we do not believe that the truly war-injured veteran has ever been receiving too much; nor do we believe that he should be reduced to a state little better than poverty, if the reason he cannot earn a better living is because of his war disability.

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Unemployment among veterans is of three kinds: that due solely to economic conditions—there not being enough jobs to go around; that due to physical or mental impairment *not* due to war service; and that due to the man's inability to earn a living because of war-inflicted handicaps. The first type is not confined to veterans; nor is it in any sense a veteran problem, whether the unemployed man happens to be a veteran or not. The same is true of the second type, except that in this case, if we agree that *some one* must provide the essentials of existence, there are reasonable grounds to argue that the National government should be the one. Coming to the third type—the war-handicapped veteran—he should unquestionably be compensated and cared for in decency and self-respect by his government. ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT IS INSUFFICIENT; AND *IF* ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT COMES AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMY ACT, YANKEE DOINGS INTENDS TO RAISE ITS VOICE IN PROTEST.

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A final word as to the National Economy League. In resigning as its No. 1 man to-day, Adm. Byrd is quoted as saying: "The main Federal objectives have been accomplished." DOINGS begs to offer two comments. Was President Roosevelt's request for power to effect economies made at the behest of the N.E.L.? There has been nothing to indicate that it was. And secondly, was a cut in veteran expenses the avowed "main Federal objective" of the N.E.L.? It was not. The League repeatedly pointed out (whether or not in good faith we leave to you) that this was but one objective—that veterans were *not* being singled out, that other branches were to come under attack. Have they? No. But "the main Federal objectives have been accomplished!"

Since above was written, President Roosevelt has announced cuts were "deeper than intended," but revisions will be made.

THE WELCOME SIGN IS OUT IN CONCORD

Doubtless by the time this copy of DOINGS reaches you, you will already have received the first direct-mail broadside from the Concord Convention Committee. However, following the usual custom for our May number, the full story of just what is planned is given here.

The first thing everyone will want to know about is the Program of Events. Unless some last minute changes are made—and if they are every one will receive ample notice—the following is the program agreed upon:

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

All Day: Registration
2:00 P.M.: Business Session convenes, Auditorium, City Hall
9:00 P.M.: Assembly for torchlight "Horribles" parade, which will end at
9:30 P.M.: Grand Ball, State Armory

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

10:00 A.M.: Final Business Session and Election of Officers
1:30 P.M.: Start of great street Parade
4:00 P.M.: End of Parade at State Camp Ground, start of Drum Corps Competitions
6:00 P.M.: Regimental & Battalion Reunions in Concord & Manchester
9:00 P.M.: Night Air Demonstration

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Morning: Busses leave for optional trips to lakes or mountains
2:00 P.M.: Special Drum Corps Competition for "all-YD" Corps

Now let's take the events up, one by one, and tell the story of each.

Registration

Each member of the YD Veterans Association has by this time received by mail a bulletin from the Convention Committee with a registration blank. One important thing is to be noted: there is a saving of 50 cents to be gained by registering in advance of June 10. Do not hesitate—send in your blank now. By mailing your registration in advance, the cost will be $2.00; if you wait until after June 10, it will be $2.50. You will receive by return mail a receipt which will entitle you to go directly to the registration desk and procure your badge, book of tickets to all events, and your "billet" assignment. Those who choose to wait until they arrive in Concord will, in addition to having to pay 50 cents more, be obliged to accept what accommodations are remaining, and may have to wait considerably longer in line to be registered.

Now what does registration include and what does

it not include? Each registrant will receive a Convention badge, which, if worn continuously, will act in lieu of a ticket as showing that the man has registered. In general he will however be expected to present his ticket to the various events. The events included are: admission to both business meetings (Friday afternoon and Saturday morning); admission to the Ball; admission on both Saturday and Sunday to the enclosed field where the competitions are to be held. It does not include the regimental reunions or hotel accommodations, and of course does not include transportation to and from Concord.

To the utmost ability of the Registration Committee, advance applicants will be assigned to hotels or tourist homes in accordance with their explicit requests.

Business Meetings

Elsewhere in this number is the official Call for the Convention. The Friday afternoon session will be taken up largely with short speeches of welcome and greetings from distinguished guests; reports of officers, chapters and committees. The Saturday morning session will comprise the actual business such as votes on resolutions, on next year's Convention city, election of officers. This arrangement is made possible by the amendment to the By-Laws passed at the April special meeting.

Both sessions will be held in the Auditorium of the City Hall, and members entitled to a vote (dues for the current year must be paid) will be seated on the floor, all others in the balcony. Admission to the floor will be by membership card.

It is expected that the Friday afternoon session will conclude between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock, and as nothing else is scheduled until 9:00, there will be several hours for little private tête-à-tête in hotel rooms and elsewhere, as a steaming-up process for the evening's activities.

The Saturday morning session must end in time for men to get lunch and fall in for the big parade at 1:30 P.M.

Torchlight Parade and Grand Ball

Here are features in which the well-known imagination and Convention spirits of the old YD will have full play. Everyone is asked to tuck in his bag before leaving home, some sort of a grotesque costume—anything from a pair of diapers to the uniform of a Russian cossack. If you are coming with a group, or belong to a local chapter, or Post, it would be great to work out the plans ahead of time, and arrange to have some sort of uniformity designating the Springfield milk-maids or the Lynn cow-boys, or what-not. Such drum corps as are in the city Friday night will participate, adding noise to the color.

The parade will be short and end at the Armory where the Ball will get under way about 9:30. This will be a sort of combination masquerade and formal ball. Those in the parade will come along in whatever they are wearing (if it is a costume they dare show in mixed company). Others may come attired as they please, uniforms, civvies, or formal dress (it is doubted if there will be many of the latter).

The Ball is public. No admission is charged to those who have registered for the Convention, but if their trick costume has no pockets and they can't bring their tickets, they must wear their Convention badge. Others, including the ladies, will be charged 50 cents admission. The music is being furnished by the Concord YD Orchestra. Tickets are already being sold in Concord and Manchester. Whether you bring your wife or not is up to you (or her!).

Big Parade

The feature of the Convention, from the viewpoint of the City and the public, will be Saturday afternoon's Big Parade. Assurance has been received that the entire New Hampshire National Guard (over 1000 men) will be in line, with two bands—the first time the entire guard have ever paraded in a non-military event in the state. Invitations have been sent to 89 Drum and Bugle Corps and Bands to be present, insuring a variety of bright uniforms and music in abundance. No hard and fast rules will be made as to how the YD veterans themselves shall march. Those regiments which choose to march as regiments will do so, but if some local YD groups from, say, Springfield, Worcester, Portland, desire to march as a city, well and good.

The parade route will be shorter than in Portland last year. Gen. Charles W. Howard, the Adjutant General of New Hampshire, is in charge of the parade. It is expected that General COLE (LM) and Governor Winant will be Honorary Marshals, and possibly President BROWN (LM) of the Y.D.V.A. Chief of Staff. Parade orders are not yet issued, of course, but general officers of the YD in France will doubtless be accorded honors on the Staff.

Open Competition of Drum Corps

A suggested plan whereby the Drum Corps Competitions might be held on Sunday has been abandoned as it was felt to be almost a certainty that if the competition were not to be held until Sunday, 80% of the corps would not come to Concord until that day. We want 'em there Saturday, to pep up the Convention, and to lend color and sound to the parade. Therefore the parade is being held early and the competitions will start as soon as the parade is over. A rough estimate indicates from 15 to 20 corps competing for a total of $1000.00 cash prizes. Regular rules of competition will be observed; each

corps will be allowed either ten or twelve minutes. Strictly "all-YD" corps will not be eligible for prizes in this competition but will have their chance on Sunday.

The competition will be held on the State Camp Ground, and an admission fee charged to the general public, which it is hoped will do much to increase the revenue of the Convention. No admission fee will be charged YD registrants.

Regimental & Battalion Reunions

To many this is the feature which arouses the fondest anticipations. It is unfortunate, but true, that it seems a virtual impossibility to arouse sufficient activity in the regiments themselves to make their own plans in advance. It is a thing the Convention Committee cannot do: it stands ready to arrange for a meeting place for groups of any size at almost a minute's notice, but the actual getting together of the regimental groups must be done by the regiments. So try and get the ball rolling before you reach Concord. Pass the word to the information center and they will see that notices are posted in prominent places in town, where all may see and read. Some of these reunions will be held in Manchester, a short 18 miles distant.

Night Air Demonstration

Arrangements have been completed for a spectacular night air show, in which the city will be attacked by a fleet of planes, and defended by batteries of powerful searchlights and anti-aircraft batteries. This feature may be seen from anywhere in town. If your reunion is still going at high speed, there will be no need of travelling across town to see the show. You can watch it out the window.

Special "All-YD" Competition

Sunday morning is given over to resting up from the "night before." The only scheduled event of the day is the special "all-YD" Drum Corps competition at 2:00 P.M. at the Camp Ground. The public will again be charged admission, but registrants admitted free. A substantial part of the $1000.00 has been set aside for prizes in this special meet. It is definite that the YD Corps of Boston and Providence will be present, and it is pretty certain that New Haven's crack new Post 130 Corps will be on hand.

Bus Trips

For those to whom the beauties of New Hampshire in June are more appealing than the special YD Competition, bus trips to Lake Winnipesaukee or the White Mountains will be available, taking all day, or even stopping over night in the mountains and returning on Monday. No special busses have been chartered as there is no knowledge how many will care to take in this feature, but the Convention Committee information center will be glad to arrange the trips for any who make inquiry.

So much for the Program. Now for other items of information.

Housing

The Housing Committee, through the Chamber of Commerce, has made splendid and absolutely adequate provisions for housing. There are four hotels in the city and quantities of fine rooming houses. One outfit has already arranged to occupy one of the barracks at the Camp Grounds. The usual price in the tourist homes is $1.00 per night; in hotels, $2.00 to $3.00. Those who plan to attend the Convention are given absolute assurance that there will be no housing shortage.

Travel Information

Concord, New Hampshire, is on Route U. S. No. 3, the Daniel Webster Highway.

From Boston Route 3 may be followed all the way, but a shorter and less travelled route (excellent roads) is Route 28 through Stoneham, Reading, Lawrence, Derry, N. H., to Manchester, thence Route 3 to Concord.

From Worcester, Route 110 to Lowell, then Route 3, north to Concord.

From Springfield, to Worcester, then as above.

From Providence, to Boston, thence as given from Boston to Concord.

From New York and Atlantic Seaboard points; the best route is via Danbury, Conn., thence U. S. No. 6 to Hartford, Stafford Springs, Worcester, thence as above.

From New Haven, Bridgeport, etc.; either via New London, Providence, Boston; or via Hartford, Worcester (preferable).

From Portland and southern Maine; U. S. No. 1 to Biddeford, No. 11 to Rochester, N. H., No. 104 to junction U. S. No. 4, to Concord.

From points west; U. S. No. 20 to Albany, Troy, No. 7 to Bennington, Vt., No. 9 through Brattleboro, Keene, Concord.

From European points: Take a good ship (and have one for us).

Publicity

By the time you read this, publicity will be well under way. Radio, newspaper, poster, direct mail, are all being employed. Remember, DOINGS goes only to members, direct mail goes only to members; it is up to members to bring the others along with them. Spread the word; constitute yourself a publicity committee of one. Every Legion and V.F.W. Post in New

England is being circularized, with notices to be read and posted. Tell anyone who wants detailed information to write to YD Convention Hdqtrs., Chamber of Commerce, Concord, N.H.

YD Berets

If you have last year's beret, bring it along. If you have lost it, or didn't attend last year, it is hoped to have an adequate supply on hand for sale. On account of many men still having them, they are not this year included in the registration (which, as you notice, is a lot lower than last year), but will be sold as an extra item.

YD Official Military Medals

As noted and described elsewhere, these beautiful new medals will be on sale to those who can produce proof of YD service. Otherwise, orders will be taken and the medals sent from Boston after investigation has been made.

Membership

Every effort will be made to induce all non-members who attend the Convention to join the YD Veterans Association. A membership desk in Registration Headquarters will be established for this purpose and every registrant will be asked to show his membership card when registering. Membership will not be compulsory, but will be urged upon each and all.

Distinguished Guests

Invitations are being sent to Governors, Senators, Congressmen, National and Department Commanders of military and veteran organizations, general officers of the Yankee Division, Army and Navy Corps commanders, etc., to be present on Friday afternoon as guests of the Convention.

YD Convention Committees

(Members of Y.D.V.A. not designated)

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FINANCE — Thomas N. Troxell, chairman; William Foy, vice chairman.

RECEPTION — Dr. H. J. Connor, chairman.

NIGHT PARADE — Mark A. King, chairman.

Street Decorations

The merchants of Concord are showing a splendid spirit of co-operation in arranging to have the streets and buildings decorated in gala array for the three days of the Convention.

Boston Convoy

Arrangements will be perfected at a later date for an automobile convoy, each car bearing the Convention sticker and perhaps flags, to leave the Boston YD Club on Friday morning, similar to last year's convoy to Portland. Other cities should arrange for their own convoys.

Women and Children

No separate program has been made this year for the Auxiliary organizations. It was felt last year that this was not wholly satisfactory. Some events overlapped and conflicted. The ladies were at times expected to be one place when they would prefer to be another. Wives, children, sweethearts are welcome—they will undoubtedly have a good time. But they will come as guests of their husbands, fathers, that is, as individuals rather than organizations. This is not to say they may not attend as organizations if they prefer, but no plans are being made for an Auxiliary convention.

Convention Number of DOINGS

After all the foregoing, it seems as if there would be little to add in the Convention Number, which should reach you a few days before the Convention. But full detail has been gone into here as it will give readers more time to talk over their personal plans than as if the news came at the last minute. The Convention Number will be filled with interest, as many articles for which there is not room here are being held over.

Conclusion

Come to Concord prepared for the time of your lives. We'll be seeing you there.

—P. N. S. (M)

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Y.D.V.A.

To All Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Amended By-Laws of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, notice is hereby given that the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Association will be held in the City Hall, Concord, New Hampshire, on Friday, June 16, 1933, at 2:00 P.M., at which time and place all regular business which can properly come before the legislative body of the Association will be considered.

The following proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws will be presented to the Convention for its action:

ARTICLE IX, Section 1, to be amended as follows:

By striking out the word "and" following the word "ex-officio" in the first sentence, and by an addition to the first sentence, so that the entire, amended section shall read (added part appears in capital letters):

"Section 1. Between National Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the National Executive Committee, which shall function through National Headquarters and shall be composed of the National Officers, ex-officio, three members at large, to be elected by the Annual Convention, AND THE PRESIDENT OF EACH CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION WHICH HAS BEEN, OR SHALL BE, GRANTED OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS OF AFFILIATION AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ARTICLE X. ANY CHAPTER PRESIDENT MAY, IN HIS DISCRETION, DESIGNATE IN WRITING A PERSONAL PROXY TO REPRESENT HIM ON THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. SUCH PROXIES SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWERS AND PRIVILEGES AS THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT WHOM THEY REPRESENT. The members of the National Executive Committee shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until their successors are chosen."

By the addition of a new Article, following Article X, to be known as Article X-A.

ARTICLE X-A
STATE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The National Vice President from each New England state shall be, ex-officio, Chairman of a State Headquarters Unit of the Association, which it shall be his duty to originate or maintain with such assistant officers and other personnel, appointed by him, as he deems necessary. The duties of the State Headquarters Unit shall be to foster and promote the welfare of the Association throughout the particular state, to promulgate to organization of local groups under the provisions of Article X, and to effect a closer relationship between National Headquarters and the chapters or individual members within the state.

Section 2. There shall be no "membership" as such, nor any dues, in any State organization, it being a purely administrative unit.

Each active member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote in the Annual Convention provided his dues for the year ending March 31, 1934, shall have been received by the National Treasurer prior to the meeting of this Convention.

—WILLIAM J. BROWN (LM)
President

PHILIP N. SANBORN (M)
Secretary

Because dues took a sudden spurt.

APREMONT DAY—104th AT MILFORD

Depressions come and go, but the 104th Infantry's celebration of Apremont Day goes on year after year showing no signs of weakness or old age.

Milford, Mass., was the favored city this year, and on April 28 and 29, the town threw up its hands and surrendered to the 1000 or more veterans of the old 104th who descended upon it in an attacking horde. Over 600 registered "for the duration;" many more were present for some event or other.

The big event, from the standpoint of the spectacular, was, as in every previous year, the great street parade on Saturday afternoon, with 5000 in line of march—a column abounding in flashing color and martial music. The main arteries of the town were thronged with enthusiastic onlookers—such a day as Milford has seldom seen. Following the parade, a Bugle and Drum Corps contest was staged in which 12 crack outfits strutted their stuff till long after dark. First Prize, $100.00, Old Dorchester Post, A.L.; Second, $50.00, Malden Post, A.L.; Third, Manning Post, V.F.W., Hudson. First and only prize, Women's Division, Bessie Edwards Cadets.

On the reviewing stand for the big parade, as well as at the annual business meeting in the forenoon, was the most distinguished array of military and civic notables who have yet attended one of these famous occasions.

At the business session, it was announced that both Holyoke and Marlboro had invited the regiment to stage next year's celebration in their city. The decision will be made later by the Executive Committee.

Newly elected officers were: Commander, MARCEL J. LADOUCEUR (M) of Holyoke, to succeed THOMAS E. BRASSIL (M) of Charlestown; Senior Vice Commander, JAMES A. LEIGH of Paxton; Junior Vice Commander, CHARLES E. GOUCHER (M) of Milford; Chaplain, Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR (M) of Springfield; Treasurer, Maj. HARRY L. DOANE (M) of Worcester. There seems to be little doubt that old, reliable LAWRENCE A. WAGNER (M) of Holyoke will be reappointed by the incoming board to serve as Adjutant for another year.

The business meeting was addressed by: Chaplain Hayes, Mass. V.F.W.; Mayor Collings of Westfield; Dr. Winthrop Adams, head of U.S. Bedford Hospital; Sec. of State Frederick Cook, representing Governor Ely; Traffic Commissioner Joseph Conry, representing Mayor Curley of Boston; the British and Belgian consuls from Boston; Mr. Joseph Hanken, National Chief of Staff, V.F.W.; Gen. JOHN H. AGNEW (M), the Adjutant General of Massachusetts; Maj. THOMAS HAMMOND (LM), Past Commander of 104th Veterans Ass'n; Sheriff Rousseau of Worcester County.

The meeting, which was presided over by Maj. TOM BRASSIL (M), passed Resolutions: To appeal to President Roosevelt to liberalize the "unfair and discriminatory treatment" to veterans in the Economy Bill; to petition the Veterans Administration to inscribe the name of the late Rev. WILLIAM J. FARRELL over the portals of Bedford Hospital; of appreciation of the loyalty to veterans shown by Massachusetts Congressmen who voted against the Economy Bill. Approved recommendation of History Comm. that Mr. Fifield of Springfield, a newspaperman, write the Regimental History.

Friday, the 28th, was given over as usual to registration, and in the evening reunions and banquets of several of the component companies of the regiment. Friday afternoon a band concert was given by the Boys Band of Milford, in the Town Hall.

The grand two-day celebration wound up on Saturday evening with a formal Military Ball in the Town Hall.

—H. G. W. (LM)
P. N. S. (M)

SEICHEPREY DAY AT NEW HAVEN

The anniversary of the Seicheprey engagement, referred to by General EDWARDS as "the Saratoga of the World War," in which the 102nd Infantry of Connecticut played so conspicuous a part, was observed this year with the usual military and civil ceremony which has marked its celebration in years past.

The exercises, which were held on the Central Green, New Haven, on Saturday, April 22, before an audience of more than 1000 people, were this year in charge of YD Post 130, American Legion. Shortly after 2:00 P.M. the newly organized Drum and Bugle Corps of the Post, headed by Sgt. WILLIAM CONNOLLY, appeared on the Green in their colorful new uniforms.

Mayor John W. Murphy delivered the keynote address, and the memorial wreath was placed at the foot of the War Memorial on the Green by Brig. Gen. JAMES A. HAGGERTY, formerly of the 102nd Inf., present Commander of YD Post. The story of Seicheprey was told by Captain DAN STRICKLAND and the invocation delivered by Chaplain MARTIN F. DORAN of the Post, followed by the playing of Taps.

The Post Drum Corps, together with 250 Post

But renewals are still way behind

members, then joined in one of the greatest military parades seen in the city, to march to West Haven, where the newly erected State Armory was formally presented to the State's Chief Executive, Governor Wilbur L. Cross, with effective and suitable ceremonies. Practically the entire "new" 102nd Infantry, together with dozens of military and veteran uniformed bodies, comprised the parade.

In the evening, more than 300 YD veterans gathered in the Goffe Street Armory at the annual Seicheprey Day banquet. Col. MIKE CONNOR presided, and Col. Lewis L. Field of the present 102nd Infantry, with many others, attended. The banquet was informal and given over to pleasant chats and reminiscences of war days.

OFFICIAL YANKEE DIVISION MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

There will be on sale in Concord during the Convention, and thereafter at Y.D.V.A. Headquarters in Boston, the official service medal of the Yankee Division. The design of this medal has been approved after months of study and criticism by your National Executive Committee. It is not, of course, a decoration, in the sense that the D.S.C. and Croix de Guerre are decorations. It is, however, established on the same principle as the United States Victory medal. The United States deemed it proper to award to every man and woman who saw military or naval service during the World War a medal testifying to that fact. In no sense was it considered by anyone to be a cheap gesture or a "piece of hardware." It meant something.

To a lot of us, serving in the Yankee Division meant just as much, if not more, than serving in the army. The Yankee Division Military Service Medal is prima facie evidence that its possessor served overseas in the 26th Division. Its sale will be surrounded by the most rigid restrictions. At Concord, a man will be obliged to show either his membership card in the YD Veterans Association (or a chapter of the same) or else his Army discharge to obtain one of these medals. Thereafter, in ordering by mail, the same requirements will be made.

The United States, being a somewhat larger outfit than the Y.D.V.A., and able to appropriate people's money for this and that, was able to furnish the Victory medal gratis. The Y.D.V.A. has to make ends meet, and no one has come forward to offer to cast the medals for nothing; so we'll have to sell 'em.

The cost to members in good standing of the Association will be $1.50; to non-members who establish their 26th Division service, $2.00.

As a special offer, the medal will be given free to any man entitled to receive it who signs up ten members, either new ones or renewals. This offer does not extend to chapter officers whose duties it may be to collect and remit the dues of members in their chapter.

A brief description of the medal (we wish we were able to reproduce the design here in colors): the main disc is circular in shape, of heavy bronze. Upon this circle, superimposed in low relief, is the diamond, bearing the YD monogram, the points of the diamond coming a little above and below the circumference of the circle. Around the rim of the circle appear the names of the five major sectors occupied by the Division. Across the top of the circle as an integral part with it is a rectangular plate upon which appear the words "26th Division, A.E.F." The whole hangs upon a heavy grosgrain ribbon in the Divisional colors of O.D. and blue. At the top of the ribbon, concealing the safety clasp, is a similar narrow bronze plate with the word "Service."

Some have questioned the propriety of a man who was not with the Division in all its engagements wearing such a medal. The position of the Y.D.V.A. is that it is a Divisional Medal, and its possession indicates service in a Division which participated in these engagements, whether or not the individual was present in all of them.

Either as a keepsake for his war souvenir treasure chest, or to wear if he belongs to a uniformed veteran organization, here is something every YD man will want: something that no other man can get unless it be by illegitimate means.

INFORMATION WANTED

Mrs. Lillian Mills Foster, wife of WINTHROP MORSE FOSTER, formerly of Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, would welcome any definite and authentic news of the whereabouts of her husband, missing since December 28, 1926. Mrs. Foster's address is 108 Salisbury Ave., Garden City, N.Y.

From information which the Y.D.V.A. has obtained from members of Battery A, there is a well-founded story that Mr. Foster is believed to have taken a ship from New York to Boston, but was found not to be aboard when the ship reached its destination. Members of the Battery are convinced of his death. Unfortunately, however, Mrs. Foster will have to establish such a fact conclusively in order to receive the Government War Risk Insurance which he carried. Otherwise she is called upon to keep up the premiums.

Is there any reader who knows any further facts than these, or knows whether these are facts?

This date last year.

COL. PARKER MADE A MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF VALOR

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Some months ago I thought it would be a nice gesture on our part to nominate Col. PARKER for membership in the Legion of Valor and have him received into that distinguished group with proper ceremony. This organization, as you know, is composed of men who have received the Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross. Asking about such a ceremony, I found the men all eager to have it, but to get Col. PARKER's consent was another matter because he shrank from any public display in his honor. By persistence, however, he finally yielded to the demands of the men of his regiment and the stage was set for Ladies' Night and a gala observance of the battle of Seicheprey on April 19th, sponsored by the 102nd Infantry. With such an appropriate atmosphere and background the meeting was opened by an entertainment provided by JACK MORSE (M) (101st Eng.), featuring many radio stars, and concluded with dances by Miss Rosita Butler, talented daughter of BOB BUTLER (M) (101st. F.S. Battalion).

The Legion of Valor then advanced their colors and joined us in our regular opening ceremonies, after which Commander Roy Reeves, (2nd Division) was introduced. He in turn presented the members of his organization and named the medals held by each one.

As fitting the occasion the introduction of Col. PARKER was made by Sergeant PETE DRESSER (M) (D Co., 102nd Inf.). Pete eulogized our popular Colonel and told the audience about his inspiring and courageous leadership at Seicheprey and elsewhere.

Col. PARKER then came forward amid loud acclaim from a standing audience to speak feelingly of the conduct of his regiment under gruelling fire, and disclaimed any personal honors which could not be shared by the men of his command. He gave a splendid address and was listened to with rapt attention. Concluding, he introduced his friend of many years, Capt. "Jimmy" Archibald, famous war correspondent and world traveler.

Capt. Archibald told in a most interesting manner about his travels and experiences, dwelling on China and the character of its people. He finished with an illustrated yarn about a sloppy doughboy being interviewed by General Pershing which "brought down the house."

Col. PARKER was then turned over to the Legion of Valor as a soldier worthy to receive the high honor of membership in their group. The ceremony was as novel as we ever witnessed and was in the form of a trial, the defendant being charged with the deeds for which he received the decorations, and in the end, after much high-powered oratory, being found guilty by the jury of his peers of all charges and sentenced to Life Membership in the Legion of Valor. We all enjoyed the ceremony and the forensic demonstrations by Defence Counsel, D. Brandon Bernstein (2nd Division), and Prosecuting Attorney, Frank J. Irwin (27th Division).

We were honored by the presence of Mrs. Clara D. Locke, widow of Capt. LOCKE (M Co., 102nd Inf.), who was killed at Seicheprey, and her sister. All arose when the introduction was made. Mrs. Locke replied to the tribute by expressing her pleasure in being amongst the men of the Yankee Division and their friends on this occasion in particular.

President Leslie F. "Ole" Olson of the Southern California Council of Combat Division Associations, accompanied by Mrs. Olsen, left an important meeting to attend our gathering.

County Forester Turner was also a guest and was presented with a YD banner by Colonel MONTEITH (M) in appreciation of his co-operation with the service men in the earthquake relief work.

There were many other guests, but I have already written more than a letter, so will close now.

—GEORGE K. MITCHELL (M)
Secretary, California Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

"THIS IS MY OWN—MY OWN OLD OUTFIT"

Time for arranging a family get-together of your OWN outfit, regiment or battalion, during the Concord Convention is now very short. But not too short, if you get busy. This is one thing the Convention Committee cannot do. It has reserved a place in its program for Reunions on Friday evening; it is ready to secure a meeting place for whatever size party you will have, but it cannot personally arrange and supervise the tremendous detail of 18 to 20 separate outfit reunions, and no man in his sane mind would expect it to.

Weeks ago the active leaders of the various regimental and battalion outfits were contacted by the Chairman of the Reunions Sub-Committee, HAROLD BERRIE (M), and asked to make their own plans, get out their own publicity. A few have done so. The rest will have to "step on it."

Places of every size and type are available in Concord, Manchester, and places between. If you haven't time to circularize your whole regiment, make a guess; write HAROLD BERRIE (M) (103rd Inf.) that you would like a place to accommodate 25 or 75, or 300. Then take it upon yourself to get some signs made and stuck up in Concord calling for the men of your regiment to go such a place at such an hour.

These outfit reunions are among the pleasantest features of a Convention.

SEICHEPREY DAY IN RHODE ISLAND

The Battle of Seicheprey was fought at the "Swedish Club," Hoxie, R. I., a few miles outside of Providence, on the evening of April 20, under the latest rules of warfare, that is, no ammunition stronger than "3.2." Round after round was served by the gun crew, who were firmly entrenched behind the *bar*-ricade, and this was one battle in which the members of the attacking army tried hard to get shot.

Not having attended a reunion in 14 years, ASTILL and SCHOTT were the receivers of greetings as long-lost children. SEFTON, who was captured by the "Heinies" at Seicheprey, also made his first appearance and no one knew him. "Bill" had a great time renewing acquaintances, especially with his comrades in Germany: ERIC LEE, "PA" TUCKER (M) and PETOCHELLI. BILL MCCORMICK was the same old mess hound, using a platter for his grub rather than a plate. SIMONE may be opening bottles in a drug store O. K., but that exhibition of how to open a keg—well, you should have seen him after the shower. RENFREW had a great night, but insisted that he was still the battery horseshoer and wanted to put new hind shoes on a big dog that the Swedes keep to guard the place. LUTHER came up from Anthony, and had a great night. FRED WALSH and "BUD" FISHER worked most of the evening for the drum corp and certainly sold some tickets.

"DUCKY" PIERCE and "RAN" DARLING blew in from Pawtucket and Lovell; MILLIGAN (M) and EMMONS represented the Republicans of Saylesville. "MOOSE" PLATT and "SKITCH" MCCORMICK evidently started to celebrate during the day—it was after midnight when they arrived.

When the battle ended, it was pronounced a success, and when the smoke cleared away (and there was plenty), dead soldiers were under and on the tables by the dozen, their heads off and their insides "guzzled," while the big howitzers under the *bar*-ricade were completely silenced, their ammunition being exhausted.

"PA" TUCKER and his committee did a fine job and put on a show that was worthy of an attendance of twice the number who turned out. Cheer up, "Pa," I hear you broke even, and that is some feat these days.

Let's get together at Concord and have another reunion. I hope EDDIE DEVINE's (M) Drum Corps can reverse that decision at Portland last year.

—"SHEPARD'S CLOCK"

GENERAL EDWARDS GATE—ARLINGTON CEMETERY

There is very little further progress to report on the Y.D.V.A.'s attempt to have the War Department rename one of the gates of the Arlington Cemetery for General EDWARDS.

Nearly every Senator and Congressman in New England has declared in favor of the suggestion, but the War Department doesn't seem to be so keen about it. DOINGS will have more to report later.

FOREIGN MEDAL SERVICE

The Y.D.V.A. hereby institutes a new policy. Heretofore, service in obtaining the Verdun medal, the French Commemorative medal and the U.N.C. medal has been confined to members. It has been performed at cost, namely, 75 cents for the Verdun medal, $1.25 for the other two together. The Association has made not a cent, but has supplied the blanks, paid the postage, transmitted the money and done the work.

The Association will continue to perform this service for members. But non-members, who have heretofore been left to their own devices in obtaining these medals, are now extended the same service upon payment of a service charge of 50 cents for the Verdun medal, 50 cents for the other two together, or 75 cents for all three.

YD MEN IN THE CAROLINAS

W. P. SANDERSON (103rd Amb. Co. and Band, 102nd F.A.) writes from Charlotte, N. C., where he is Commander of Stonewall Jackson Post, 1160, V.F.W.: "There are not many of the old Yankee Division around here, but I have in my outfit, LOUIS ELLSWORTH JAECKEL (E Co., 102nd Inf.), now of Heath Springs, S.C.; and LEWIS H. RIDGON (101st Amm. Tr.), now of Cullowhee, N.C. Once in a dog's age I am in communication with Lieut. YOUNGBLOOD (103rd Amb. Co.) of Whitakers, N. C.

"LOUIS JAECKEL is writing newspaper features entitled 'Our Aviators in the World War,' and our Post, as well as many others, has endorsed him to the President and members of Congress for appointment as President of the Merchant Fleet Corporation and Chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board."

WORTH FRAMING!

Take a look at PHIL PALMSTROM's (M) cover this month! If it doesn't depict the spirit of the old YD, Convention bound, then you tell one.

Whether it's roller skates, scooters or astride a tractor, we are looking for YOU to be there!

NO DUES,

NO DOINGS!

And help catch up to par.

NO DUES, NO DOINGS!

The old, familiar warning. Nothing would be more delightful than to be able to send YANKEE DOINGS to every YD man gratis—if it were possible. But it isn't, so please keep the wheels turning by sending along your dues.

Up to the time of writing the receipt of dues this year has been particularly slow. In a way this was to be expected, but it is unfortunate that it should be so, as there never was a year when the Association was more in need of prompt payment.

At the end of April a year ago—one month after dues were due—approximately 55% of the previous year's membership had renewed. At the end of April this year, only 40% renewals have come in. During the year which ended March 31, 1933, approximately 300 who had been members the preceding year did not renew at all. All but 67 of this loss was made up by new members. Unless there is a sudden spurt of paying up, it looks as if this year's gross loss would run nearer 500 than 300. That would be a tremendous handicap to try to overcome with new members.

And here is a little item which perhaps does not occur to the minds of forgetful members who intend to pay their dues, but just don't get around to it. On May 1, there were approximately 800 members in arrears. To send them a second notice costs $24.00 in postage alone—the equivalent of a loss of 12 members. So PLEASE, if it is just procrastination, do not wait for a second or third notice. If it is a case of being unable to scrape up sufficient coin of the realm, send in part of it and you will be kept on the mailing list.

As our second BIG Convention approaches, never has enthusiasm run higher. Every YD man sings the praises of the Y.D.V.A. and looks forward to availing himself of the good times it affords. But there are those—unfortunately—who suffer no pangs of conscience upon attending the Convention, perhaps spending many times the price of a year's dues, shouting the praises of the wonderful time they had, but who find it absolutely out of the question to cough up a measly two dollars to support the organization which made the good time possible.

Let's keep the Y.D.V.A. out in front: the one outfit that shows a growth rather than a decline in times like these. If you haven't paid, don't wait till tomorrow, shoot it along now.

SPECIAL MEETING—YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The special meeting of the Y.D.V.A., originally scheduled for April 20, as announced in the February and March numbers of DOINGS, for the purpose of acting upon proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, was held on April 27, as announced last month.

It was held in conjunction with the regular monthly smoker of the YD Club of Boston, which is described elsewhere.

President WILLIAM J. BROWN (LM) occupied the Chair and presented Dr. ROBERT O. BLOOD (M), President of the Concord Convention Committee; Hon. Robert Brown, Mayor of Concord and an officer of the Convention Corporation; and Joe Lucier, hard-working Secretary of the Convention Committee as well as Secretary of the Concord Chamber of Commerce. The brief addresses made by these three left no doubts in the minds of those present that Concord is "all set" to receive the attacking forces of the YD on June 16, 17 and 18, to extend the glad hand, and give us all the time of our lives.

Present also was LOUIS A. DONAHUE (M), of Portland, President of last year's Convention Committee, who received a rousing hand when he pledged his help to make Concord bigger, better and busier than the memorable affair in Portland. With Louis were TOM KENNON (HM); VICTOR A. E. ERICKSON (M), President of the YD Club of Portland; LAWRENCE JENKINS (M); and HAZEN O. HAGAR (M), also of the Portland Club.

As the proposed amendments have already been published twice in DOINGS, it doesn't seem necessary to repeat them here, except to say that the first three, having to do merely with a change of wording in three separate places so as to cover Conventions of more than one day's duration, were unanimously adopted without debate. The fourth, which provided: (1) for the appointment of a Resolutions Committee; (2) for two business sessions at the Convention (on separate days), at the first of which resolutions would be reported out of Committee, and at the second of which the action of the body would be taken; and (3) providing for resolutions to be submitted in writing seven days before the opening of the Convention—was amended, upon the motion of JOSEPH CIPRIANO (M) (101st F.A.) by the elimination of the third mentioned above provision. Thus amended, it also was adopted.

President BROWN (LM) then turned the meeting back to President SMITH (M) of the YD Club of Boston.

JUST A SUGGESTION

NELSON W. MCCORMICK (M) (103rd F.A.) of Detroit, in sending in his Y.D.V.A. dues, made the check for three dollars instead of two. He writes: "If all who *could* would voluntarily step up their own dues this much I've a hunch it would go a long way toward lifting the Association out of the financial doldrums."

Now, we're not going to push the suggestion. But for every two dollars thus received, the Association, instead of accepting it as a gift, will carry on its roles the name of some member who writes in that he cannot pay up this year, much as he would like to.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Y.D.V.A.

A most peculiar meeting of the Executive Committee of the Y.D.V.A. was held on April 11, at the YD Clubhouse in Boston. Due to an almost uncanny series of unexpected events which members of the Committee found they could not avoid attending, just three of the fifteen members of the Committee were present: the President, the Secretary, and Vice President C. Bird Keach (M) of Rhode Island.

But to add to the embarrassment of these three caused by the poor attendance, the Presidents of all official chapters had been invited to attend, and most of them did. Present were: President Harold J. Smith (M), YD Club of Boston (CH); President Edmond Q. Dee (M), YD Club of Lynn (CH); President Bill Sayers (M), YD Club of Manchester (CH); President Harold J. Connor (M), YD Club of Concord (CH); and Thomas E. Tobin (M) and Henry Roux (M), representing President Ed Maley (M), YD Club of Springfield (CH).

The main purpose of the meeting was to consider whether or not the Constitution should be amended so that these gentlemen or their successors in office should be made actual, voting members of the National Executive Committee. The unanimous opinion was that it would be an excellent move toward closer co-operation among the chapters, in consequence of which, such an amendment is proposed (in this issue) and will be voted upon in Concord in June. Later reports from Portland, Washington and Los Angeles indicated that those chapters also favored such a change, although in the case of the latter two, it is doubtful if they will be able to attend many Executive Committee meetings.

OUR NEXT NUMBER

The next number of Yankee Doings will be the Annual Convention Number. In addition to latest available advance information concerning the Concord Convention, it will contain the usual run of articles and items of general interest in perhaps a little greater abundance than usual. Several articles of exceptional merit, submitted for publication in this current (May) number, are being held over for the big Convention Number, including another gem from the pen of Mike Mooney (M), whose recent "No Firing Squad" excited so much favorable comment.

All copy for the Convention Number must be on hand not later than May 22, as it is vital that the issue be off the press in time to reach all readers before the Convention opening date—June 16.

One more thing—in the Convention Number you will find many advertisements. Do not skim over them: read them. The men and business firms who have taken this space have helped to make the Convention and the Convention Number a success. Repay their support by patronizing them when the occasion offers.

RHODE ISLAND YD

Rhode Island YD enjoyed its Second Annual observance of Seicheprey Day, April 20th.

Meeting at the Marine Corps Armory, an adjournment was had to the Swedish Club at Hoxie where joy reigned unrefined. Old times, old songs, old friends. A dutch dinner, including "Barrelled Sunshine," in keeping with the laws and edicts of the United States, was had. We feel the celebration is now well established and supported, judging by the crowd and enthusiasm, and may well be considered as a R. I. YD institution.

The "Little Red Hen" delegation will be there strong at the Concord Convention, led by Dr. Edwin Devine (M), and his Drum and Bugle Corps. We are all strong for that $1,000.00 appropriation for the Drum and Bugle Corps contest. Kindly mail the check to Doc. Devine now, and save the convention committee further time and trouble.

A VOICE FROM VERMONT

In the vicinity of Highgate, there are, to my knowledge, just two members of the 104th Infantry besides myself: James Ashman (Hq. Co.) of Highgate, who is a member of the Border Patrol; and Harris W. Alexander (M) (104th F.H.), who runs one of the drug stores in St. Albans. Alex is son-in-law of the late U. S. Senator Frank L. Greene of Vermont.

Another YD man lives in Highgate: Arthur Rollo (103rd Inf.), who was a runner-up for road commissioner in our town election last month.

In Swanton, four miles from here, Walter Bell cuts quite a figure. He has been one of the town fathers, and is proprietor of two radio shops, one in Swanton, one in St. Albans. He was recently awarded the Purple Heart.

—H. W. B. (M)

VETERAN ECONOMIES

Editor of Yankee Doings:

In times like these we are, perhaps, both more sensitive and less logical. There is, too, no question that the psychology of those who have had to deal with reduction of veteran benefits, with the possible exception of the President, has been exceedingly bad and not calculated to appeal to the veteran himself. It seems to me, therefore, that it is up to those of us who can see the logic and necessity of these reductions, and who are veterans and not in official positions, to do everything humanly possible to make the reasonableness of these steps understood by the poor devils who, to-day, see them only as another setback.

—Nelson W. McCormick (M)
(103rd F.A.)

Detroit, April 21

Isn't bad for one month;

COME DUES—COME NEWS

Writes WILLIAM H. MCHUGH (M) (102nd M.G. Bn.) of Bronx, N.Y.: "Glad to be able to send my dues as I would not miss DOINGS every month. My mother is as interested as I and reads it from cover to cover."

And from NELSON W. MCCORMICK (M) (103rd F.A.), Detroit: "Out here, YANKEE DOINGS comes pretty near being the whole Y.D.V.A. It is a representative to be proud of, particularly in the tone of level-headed patriotism maintained by its editorials."

LEE P. BIBEAU writes from Westboro, Mass.: "I am sorry, but like other YD men I have met recently, I am opposed to supporting an organization which is against my welfare, such as voting against the bonus. These YD men in big positions don't need it, but I know plenty of men who can use it right now. You get the old handshake and that is all. A good outfit—the old YD—the best in France. But since the Old Man has gone, the well-to-do are gradually getting away from the good buck-private who is still trying to exist."

From WILLIAM T. E. BARBER (M) (101st Engrs.) of Youngstown, Ohio: "As one outside the intimate circle of YD men in Boston, I can only say that I am proud of the YD Association. The spirit of the Yankee Division is an inspiration to every living one of our organization. Carry on, knowing that you merit the support of every one of us."

This from RODERICK MACRAE (M) (51st F.A. Brig. Hq.) of New York City: "Just lost my job last week so I am sending along my $2.00 before I go broke as I must have DOINGS. Would rather miss some food than that."

From WALTER WARD (103rd Inf.), Udell, Iowa: "Although I have always lived in Iowa all my life, my heart goes back to the old 26th Division—the one I served with overseas."

And JACK GUITTAUD (M) (101st Tr. Hq. & M.P.) writes from Detroit: "If you don't receive the dues of the other Detroit YD men, let me know. We three Detroit Musketeers, PETE SADY (M), DICK SCANLAN (M) and myself, hope to see you in Concord (if they open our bank here). Any member driving through Detroit, en route to Chicago, stop and bend an elbow with 'The Musketeers'."

PAUL L. DEVERTER (M) (104th Inf.), Baytown, Texas: "Enjoy YANKEE DOINGS, my only contact with the old 26th."

And from out in Thermal, Calif., writes WALTER PULSIFER (M) (101st Engrs.): "It's a long way from coast to coast, but old YD, I'm still one of you and the old memories help me over many a hard place."

DOES THE "OLD MAN'S" PICTURE HANG IN YOUR HOUSE?

The YD Club of Boston still has for sale at $1.00 a limited supply of the large photographs of General EDWARDS. Better get yours while they're going.

THE BELLEAU YD CHAPEL

Recent photographs (which we wish we were able to reprint here) show that the finishing touches are now rapidly being applied to the beautiful little YD Memorial Church in Belleau.

The low stone wall surrounding the church lot has been built, giving the whole a unity and setting which it sadly lacked before. Gone is the appearance of a little church lost and straying through the fields. Higher stone posts accentuate the wall either side of the walk which leads to the entrance doors, and upon these stone piers is affixed a bronze marker identifying the edifice as the Yankee Division Memorial Church.

Within the wall the rough terrain is graded, smoothed and planted, so that now the church stands on something instead of looking as if it had grown up through the soil.

Inside, the beautiful flags of the United States and France, of each New England state, of the Yankee Division and the City of Boston, hang gracefully from the eaves over the central aisle.

All in all, we can each and every one of us feel proud of a job well done, and look forward to the day when, with the world once more on an even keel, we may be privileged to make another journey to visit this achievement, second only to the Division's achievement in War.

TAPS

WILLIAM H. BATTEY, formerly of the 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, died at the Newport Naval Hospital, on April 11.

WARREN WATERMAN, formerly of H Co., 104th Infantry, died at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., on April 23. Funeral services were held in Worcester, Mass., on April 26.

HENRY MORLEY, formerly of A Co., 101st Infantry, died on Tuesday, April 4. Funeral services were held from the home of his sister, 85 Mountfort St., Boston, on April 8; funeral mass at 9:00 A.M. at St. Phillips Church, Harrison Ave., Boston. The services, at which military rites were performed, were attended by many former comrades of A Company.

PHILIP P. DUROCHER, formerly of M Co., 104th Infantry, died on April 15, at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. He was cited for gallantry in action on two occasions by General EDWARDS; was gassed on October 10, 1918. Funeral services were held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Durocher, 4 Miner St., North Adams, Mass.

FREDERICK W. CLEMONS, formerly of A Co., 101st Infantry, died at the U.S. Veterans Hospital, New York. Funeral services for both him and his mother, who died at almost the same time, were held from Waterman's Funeral Chapel, Boston, on Sunday, April 30.

NAPOLEON ROGERS, formerly of I Co., 104th Infantry, died in Northampton, Mass.; was buried on April 28.

"SHORTS"

SAMUEL C. POLLEY (M) (102nd Inf.) has just been elected Commander of the local Legion Post, South Norwalk, Conn.

Commander CHRISTOPHER S. SULLIVAN of the MICHAEL DONOGHUE Post, A.L., of Cork, Ireland, served in the YD, and the Post itself is named for a YD man. Commander Sullivan recently wrote to Commander DAVID F. SULLIVAN (no kin) of the JAMES E. COFFEY Post of Nashua, N.H., for information concerning YD men in New Hampshire.

DR. FREDERICK A. KING (M), formerly Commanding Officer of the 103rd Field Hospital, is engaged in the general practice of medicine in Marshfield, Mass.

THANKS, OLD MAN

This month, the correspondent for the YD Club of Springfield (CH) is BEN JOHNSON (M) (B Co., 104th Inf.), who, under the new Club administration, takes the place of FRANK J. MAY (M).

DOINGS takes this opportunity to thank Mr. May for the reliable and conscientious manner in which he has filled his role, and kept the goings-on of the Springfield Club before the readers of DOINGS.

SPECIAL OFFER

A year's free membership including subscription to YANKEE DOINGS to any man signing up five new members.

Commander MARK KING (M) opened the meeting of Apr. 10 with words of praise for the members of the Bugle and Drum Corps and the Post for their fine appearance in the Evacuation Day parade in South Boston.

The reports of the various committees were read and accepted. Several new members were introduced and accepted by Vice Commander SOUSA (M) and the members of the Post.

CHARLEY WATERMAN spoke enthusiastically on the plans formulated for the YD Post "Automobile Races, Drum and Bugle Corps Competition and Field Day" that will be held at the Readville Race Track, May 20.

Vice Commander SOUSA (M) was chosen chairman of this committee; JIM MCGREGOR (M), secretary; "TED" WILSON (M), chairman of publicity; MARK KING (M), chairman and director of musical competition; MIKE MOONEY (M), in charge of newspaper publicity; JOHN COLLINS (M), treasurer; BILL BALTIN (M), in charge of tickets; Mrs. John Collins of the Ladies' Auxiliary; and FRED JACKSON (M), in charge of policing the grounds. Those named will be assisted by sub-committees.

Business concluded, a ring was made in the center of the hall for the boxers and wrestlers to perform. In the first bout of the evening, the Norris brothers, two sturdy youngsters of about 7 and 9 years, whose dad is a member of the Post, won the hearty applause of the large gathering by their clever boxing.

Former welterweight champion Eddie Shevlin, now instructor of boxing at Dartmouth, had some of his students give exhibitions of the art of self defense. MIKE MOONEY (M) next gave a brief history of boxing from the days of Greco-Romans, who introduced boxing into England, speaking on such pioneers of the sport as Figg, Broughton, Jackson, Sayers, and Smith, who lost his championship to Jake Kilrain in 1885. Former lightweight champion Dave Deshler related interesting yarns about Kilrain, John L. Sullivan, Corbett and Jefferies, all whom he knew intimately in the height of their careers. Billy Rolfe, a champion boxer of two decades ago, then spoke and later refereed. Comrade John Lane, accompanied on the piano by Al Smith, surprised the audience by rendering "O Sole Mio" in Italian. At this juncture MARTY TAYLOR (M) challenged DICK WHITE (M), the originator of "Athletic Night", to a bout if he would make his weight. As the genial Dick would have to amputate a leg to do this the bout was off.

Al McCoy, a promising young boxer, and sparring partner to Comrade Morris Goldman, was introduced; following this the sole wrestling bout of the evening between two clever grapplers, Jake Scheffer and Matt Connelly.

JIMMY LYNCH (M), chairman of the entertainment committee, then thanked the athletes, talent and those who promoted such a successful and diverting show. Coffee and doughnuts were then enjoyed by all.

At the April 24 meeting the heads of the various committees on the "Auto Racing and Drum & Bugle Competition" at Readville Race Track gave a resumé of the work they were doing and spoke glowingly on the success they were meeting in making the May 20th event a success and possibly an annual feature.

Chaplain WM. DAVIS announced that the Post's Commemorative Service could be held at St. Cecelia's church on Sunday, but suggested that due to the lack

of time in notifying the members it would be more appropriate to hold these services for the Post's departed members the Sunday before Armistice Day.

Judge-Advocate CRESSWELL (M) and Comrade LAWLOR (M) spoke enthusiastically of the 101st Inf. Veterans Reunion in Sept. that will be held on the old camp grounds in Framingham.

Vice Commander SOUSA (M) read a clipping from a paper that the Post's Photo Unit, composed of Historian CHAPIN (M), Comrades ARENSBURG (M) and MOONEY (M), earned their first money to maintain this work by delivering a talk on the Great War, and an exposition of still and moving pictures before a German-American society in Arbiter Hall in Boston last month.

Comrade "SLIVERS" CONNORS (M), in lieu of the guest speaker that has characterized the Post's meeting for the past two months, was speaking extemporaneously on Post affairs, the gold standard, the Crosscup-Pishon Post embroglio, and current events, when the motion to adjourn was made.

—M. J. M. (M)

IN SUPPORT POSITION

YD AUXILIARY—SPRINGFIELD

On March 31, we had our meeting and election of officers: Jeanie Lowe, Pres., re-elected; 1st Vice, Florence Patch; 2nd Vice, Florence Colwell; Cor. Sec., Marion A. Hogan, re-elected; Rec. Sec., Virginia Mackay, Jr., re-elected; Treas., Suzanne Roux; Chaplain, Hazel Woodard; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mildred Martindale; Auditors, Irene Coons, Edith Willette.

April 13, a banquet was held at Hotel Bridgway and the officers were duly installed. Jeanie Lowe, our President, was presented with a corsage of sweet-peas and roses. Presentation was given by Marion Hogan. After the banquet a regular meeting was called and many things were accomplished.

Different members have been running afternoon bridge parties for the good of the order. They are very popular and everyone is glad to hear about them. So far, Suzanne Roux, Jeanie Lowe, Mrs. Meffen and Florence Colwell have offered their homes. The writer plans to hold a bridge at her home on May 5.

Since our last report, a number of children's dresses have been completed for the Red Cross. Mrs. Roux merits most of the honors here as she finished many all by herself.

Quite a few new members were added to our Auxiliary, and at our last meeting Florence Patch and Suzanne Roux were nominated at a committee to get new members. More power to them! With two such charming delegates who could say no?

Three deaths closely associated with the YD have occurred since our last issue. The following lost their dads: Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Jacques, and Mr. Meffen, and we pause to sympathize with them all.

We are looking forward to the Convention in Concord, N. H., and hope a good representation will be there. —MARION A. HOGAN, *Cor. Sec.*

YD AUXILIARY—PORTLAND

The YD Auxiliary of Portland, Maine, held their installation of officers April 11. This was a public installation, the invited guests being the YD Club.

The newly installed officers are: President, Olive Gunderson; V. P., Inez Pride; Secretary, Edna Hagar; Treasurer, Edna Erickson; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ruth Witham; Chaplain, Miriam Tyler; Trustees, Connie Moody, Georgia Benton.

We will continue to hold our meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month.

On Easter Sunday a large delegation of our members went to the Marine Hospital and held a very lovely service. We took as the Speaker, Rev. Robinson, also a soloist, Miss Anna Kilborn. The members left with the boys candy, plants, jig-saw puzzles and cigarettes.

—EDNA P. HAGAR, *Sec.*

AMONG THE YD CLUBS AND CHAPTERS

MEETING DATES

YD Veterans Association: Annual Convention, Concord, N.H., June 16, 17, and 18.
Special Meeting: YD Club of Boston, April.

YD Club of Boston: Monthly smokers; dates announced in mail notice to all members.

YD Club of Springfield: G.A.R. Hall, Springfield; 1st & 3rd Mondays.

California Chapter, Y.D.V.A.: Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles; 1st & Third Wednesdays.

YD Club of Portland: Information missing.

YD Club of Washington: Information missing.

YD Club of Lynn: Father Matthews Hall, Summer St., Lynn; Every Tuesday.

YD Club of Manchester: No regular meeting dates yet announced.

YD Post, 290, A.L., Boston: YD Club of Boston, 2nd & 4th Mondays.

If you can spare the "jack,"

YD Post, A.L., Providence: Information missing.
YD Post, V.F.W., Providence: 2nd and 4th Tues.
C.R. Edwards Post, V.F.W., Washington, D.C.: 1st and 3rd Wed.
YD Post, 130, A.L., New Haven: Goffe Street Armory, New Haven, 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
Auxiliary, YD Club of Boston: YD Clubhouse, 2nd Wednesday.
Auxiliary, YD Club of Springfield: Hotel Bridgway, Springfield, 2nd Thursday.
Auxiliary, YD Post, 290, A.L.: YD Clubhouse, 1st Thursday.
104th Infantry: Apremont Day, Milford, Mass.; April 28, 29.
101st F. Sig. Bn.: YD Club of Boston, 1st Tuesday of each month.

Regimental, battalion, company or battery reunions will be announced here if information is received sufficiently in advance.

YD CLUB OF BOSTON (CH)

The regular April smoker of the YD Club of Boston (CH) was held on Thursday evening, April 27, with approximately 150 members present.

This was the first smoker under the new President, HAROLD J. SMITH (M), who opened the meeting in the usual manner by reading a list of YD men whose deaths have been reported since the preceding meeting, while taps were played and all stood at attention.

On account of this being also a joint meeting with the Y.D.V.A., a number of out-of-state visitors were present, as told in another place.

After several announcements, and after the Y.D. V.A. business of the evening had been concluded, Mr. SMITH (M) introduced as the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Chester Clark, of the Federal Narcotic Bureau, who spoke for over an hour and a quarter on "The Dope Traffic". Mr. Clark's talk was extremely clear, and expansive in scope, covering the source of narcotics, their manufacture, the legitimate trade, the therapeutic effects, the illicit traffic, the legal aspect of enforcement, and many incidents in the actual enforcement. He also displayed an exhibit which he claimed to be one of the most inclusive in this part of the country, of narcotic drugs in all stages, of instruments used by drug addicts. Evidence of the interest his address aroused was seen in the many questions asked from the floor, questions which elicited explanations extending the interesting talk for more than another half hour.

Not the least popular feature of the evening was the surprise treat which followed the meeting. Two kegs of good, old Haffenreffer, with a box-car load of pretzels, awaited in the ante-room, and was free while it lasted; not to mention doughnuts and cheese. Did the brew disappear! And some darn likely aspirants for bartenders' jobs showed their stuff behind an impromptu bar.

Incidentally, after wading through the oceans of red tape, the YD Club now has its 3.2 beer license, so if you are wandering by that way and feel thirsty, drop in.

It is announced that the clean-up, paint-up of the Clubhouse will start soon.

H. GORDON BOTSFORD (LM) has recently been doing jury duty. One case was that of an Italian whose description of his injury in an auto accident was more forceful than delicate.

Following the April smoker, as the crowd was milling around preparatory to going home, an itinerant pansy salesman wandered in. No, we're speaking literally, he had a bunch of flowers in each hand.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER (CH)

You wrote to me on April 7th asking my opinion on the proposal to make the Chapter Presidents members of the National Executive Committee. I think well of the idea; in fact, would have liked such an honor during my term. I feel that it is right to recognize the various Chapters by placing the presidents on the Executive Committee even though they be so far removed that attendance at the committee meetings is impossible as in our case. I hope the change to the Constitution is made.

Now, about our two wonderful meetings this month. The session on April 5, being the Annual Meeting, was featured by the election of officers. The report of the nominating committee was accepted unanimously, so the new set-up is as follows: President, JOHN J. FOX (M), (D Co., 104th Inf.); Vice President, ERVING A. DRESSER (M), (D Co., 102nd Inf.); Secretary, Past President GEORGE K. MITCHELL (M), (104th Ambulance Co.); Treasurer, HARRY M. MCLAUGHLIN (M), (G Co., 102nd Inf.); Chaplain, WALTER J. STUDLEY (M), (K Co., 101st Inf.); Historian, JOSEPH J. MCCARTHY (Hdqts. Co., 101st F.A.); Sgt.-at-Arms, JAMES F. RIPLEY (M), (M.G. Co., 104th Inf.); Executive Committeemen, ARCHIE J. BRADLEY (M), (A Co., 104th Inf.); JOHN C. MORSE (M), (D Co., 101st Engrs.); JAMES S. BROWN (M), (E Batt., 102nd F.A.); WILLIAM STEVENSON (M), (C Co., 104th Inf.); LEWIS A. NYE (M), (D Co., 102nd Inf.).

Following the election, our new President was advanced to the rostrum amid cheers from the multitude to receive the gavel. The other officers were then installed, each one getting a lot of applause as he assumed his new office. May I say in passing, that it was with no little satisfaction that I relinquished the presidential chair to John after having occupied it since August, 1931. As the "pappy" of this outfit I have labored hard and watched its growth with pride. To LEWIE NYE (M), and all the other retiring officers, I give unstinted praise for their every effort to make this Chapter the fine organization it is today. With JOHN FOX (M) in

command, and the other splendid officers helping, we are going far this year.

John, incidentally, has a military career as long as a cat's back, the records showing that he was a member of Company B, 1st Rhode Island Infantry of the Militia in 1904. He also belonged to the United Train of Artillery in Providence and will be well remembered by his comrades in that organization. He went overseas with the 40th Division and also served with the 32nd Division before coming to the YD.

A visitor to the meeting was Bob Kelley of the U.S.S. "Salt Lake." Bob's home port is Codman Square, Dorchester, Mass. Hearing of a Yankee Division Chapter out here he came up to greet some of his pals and found four. Bob is a writer of no mean ability and acts in the capacity of American Legion liaison officer with the fleet. He is on his way to the East Coast now and may drop in to see you one of these days.

Another visitor you will receive shortly is our well liked and distinguished member, FRANK E. MEREDITH (M), who sailed from here yesterday on the S.S. President Jackson of the Dollar Line for Boston. Frank, you will remember from my letters, is the policeman who was shot by a bank bandit last August 31st, and so severely wounded that his life was despaired of. After a very delicate operation to remove the bullet from his spine it was feared that he would never walk again, but being a YD boy he fooled the medicos and is now up and around with the aid of canes. He was flat on his back for many months and made a game fight to come back at all, so when he shows up give him all the honors generally accorded a real hero. Frank is out of "L" Co., 101st Infantry, and a swell guy as you will agree after meeting him. Tell Bill Snyder about him, please, as Bill is an old friend of his and will want to be in on the welcoming committee. Meredith, by the way, goes East as our delegate to the National Convention at Concord.

—G. K. M. (M)

(Correspondent "G. K. M.'s" story of the next meeting—that of April 19—is of such general interest to all YD men that it is run elsewhere in this number as a feature.)

YD CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD (CH)

About the only thing most of the members are concerned about here at present is the annual convention of the 104th Inf. Vets, as most of the members of this Club served in that active regiment overseas some time or other. And depression regardless, most everybody is going. That great event being held in Milford, Mass., this year makes the transportation question quite easy. Certainly the issue has been kept in the forefront during the last few months. Uppermost in most all minds is the meeting of some long-last-seen buddy.

Coming into the beginning of a new fiscal year leaves the present roster a little slim just at present. But allowing just a little time for these new officers to get acclimated and then things are going to hum. We have several plans in the making, both in membership and finances.

The night of April 3, the new officers were installed. Their names were given in last month's DOINGS.

These incoming officers were inducted by Past President ANDREW BIRNIE (M). The chief speaker of the evening was DAN JONES (M) of Worcester, Massachusetts, V. P. of the Y.D.V.A., who presented Past President ANDREW BIRNIE (M) with a very handsome badge commemorating his service as President. After the ceremony we had a varied line of entertainment, and needless to say a good time was had by all.

We hear that BOB BURNS (M) has moved out into the sticks, in fact he is a close neighbor of BOBBY SPENGLER'S (M). Looks as though he wants to get close to his egg supply. BOBBY SPENGLER (M) is a leading poultry producer out in East Longmeadow. Most all the fellows are looking forward to the coming of summer, when we will be able to enjoy Sunday outings. Having proved so successful last summer we plan on having quite a few during the coming season. I'm thinking we'll all enjoy a bottle or two of cool "3.2" for refreshment. On a hot day, after playing soft ball for an hour or so, it ought to be quite palatable.

—B. E. J. (M)

YD CLUB OF PORTLAND (CH)

President VIC ERICKSON (M), accompanied by LOUIS DONAHUE (M), LAWRENCE JENKINS (M), HAZEN HAGAR (M), and TOM KENNON (HM), attended the special meeting of the Y.D.V.A. in Boston on April 27, and report a great time except that the beer came to an end too soon. However, they were well fortified for the return trip (leaving Boston at 12:30 A. M. by bus) with other things.

The craziest monkey-shines and the most fun since the two-day pass to Bar-le-Duc was the "trial" of REX "COZY" ROBINSON (M) for a cowardly and brutal attack upon "NELLY" (impersonated by HAZEN O. HAGAR (M) at the March meeting of the Club.

A tabloid with blaring headlines, entitled the "YD Tattler," tells the story. LAWRENCE JENKINS (M) was Judge; JOE PERRY (M), Clerk of Court; MAX STODDARD (M), Prosecuting Attorney. We'd like to quote from the "Tattler" if space permitted; it is indeed a racy sheet, sensationally depicting X-ray photos of tortured "Nelly" after "Gorilla" ROBINSON'S (M) brutal assault. The picture of Nelly before Rex done her wrong reveals a ravishing damsel clothed as of the turn of the century. Another half-page picture shows the accused's "modest home" which was attached by the prosecution. (It strongly resembles the State Capitol at Augusta.)

All in all, we wish we'd been there.

The regular April meeting was held on the 25th at the Elks' Home. We'll see ya at Concord.

—F. M. D. (M)

YD CLUB OF HOLYOKE

The Holyoke YD Club held a Chicken Pie Supper in the American Legion Hall on Thursday, April 13, with some 96 YD men in attendance. This supper was held in connection with a regular meeting of the Club in preparation for the 104th Reunion that is being held in Milford on April 28th and 29th.

Immediately after supper was served, a meeting followed, then a special entertainment was received thru the courtesy of the Holyoke Theatre Co., which went well into the early morning hours. Of course BEER was served, and from all reports everyone had a good time.

The affair was in charge of a special committee of the Club. Past Comdr. FRED A. GLENS (M) and HAROLD G. WOODRUFF of the 104th Asso. had charge, assisted by Comrades HARRY P. CAULEY and OSCAR DESROSIER, who put on the Chicken Supper. Comrade Desrosier of course was a company cook of Company D in France but the supper he served was nothing like what he used to cook in France for the boys. Others on the committee were Col. EDMUND J. SLATE (M), BERTRAM C. J. WARNER, Commander EDWARD J. FAY of the Club, PHILLIP P. MATHIEU (M), THOMAS E. KIRKPATRICK and HAROLD C. BURNETT. Many of the boys from Springfield, Northampton and Pittsfield were present. A meeting for the purpose of electing new officers will take place at the regular meeting on Thursday, April 27.

—L. A. WAGNER (M)

"RHODE ISLAND REDS"

Went over the Post Road to Boston yesterday and took in the zoo. The monkeys there sure have very, very bad habits. On the way stopped and got a quart of oil from WILFRED TABER (104th Amb Co.). Passed refreshment stand of GEORGE BOYER (104th Amb. Co.), also filling station labelled Lockwood's YD Mart.

WARREN HACKING, I see by papers, attended a funeral last week as a bearer; "POP" READ (104th Amb. Co.) is now a letter carrier; "BUNNY HUNT is back in Providence.

YD Post of Providence, I hear, have "bot" some new horns.

Major MCLEOD (103rd F.A.) has just presented Joshua K. Broadhead Post No. 46, American Legion, the Springfield rifle he carried in France. Broadhead Post is named for "Josh", a YD comrade who was killed in action.

Corp. SPENCER (104th Amb Co.) is selling false teeth in Hartford, Conn.

HARRY AVERY (104th Amb. Co.), now a lieutenant, Massachusetts State Police, has charge of Troop D, stationed at Holden, Mass. I am sure he will honor all your tags for speeding with a fine.—

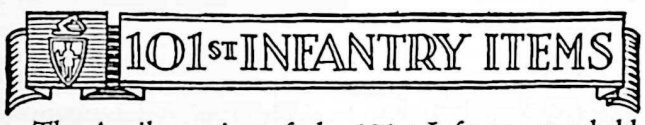
HARRY CARY (102nd Amb. Co.), selling paint, resides in Riverside, R. I.

HOMER POIRIER (103rd M.G. Bn.) has moved to Pawtucket, R. I. —"TRENCH FEVER" (M)

(If "Trench Fever" will let the Editor of DOINGS know, on the q. t., his real name, said Ed. will be glad to answer the question which was appended to the above dispatch.)

HEADQUARTERS 26TH DIVISION

Major BERNARD L. GORFINKLE (M), Judge Advocate, was appointed by Colonel SINCLAIR WEEKS (M), Mayor of Newton, as one of the three License Commissioners for the City of Newton.



The April meeting of the 101st Infantry was held in Clinton, Sunday 23. A large number of Council delegates were present and the boys fought the war all over once again. The Council meetings are getting larger as the famous St. Mihiel Day reunion draws near, and with a few more company units giving DAN BRENNAN (M) the co-operation he deserves, we will have the Regimental Association back where it belongs.

MIKE TIERNEY of New York is visiting in Clinton with his better half. Mike received a bad injury which has kept him in hospitals since the war, and the boys are glad to see him looking so well.

"SHARVEE" SCHOBERT (M) has received the contract from "DOLLY" O'TOOLE to exterminate all the bugs, insects, crickets, etc., from the vicinity of "Dolly's" camp in Sterling. "Dolly," who loves his sleep, has been complaining considerably about the terrible noises around his camp, and has decided to be rid of it all. "Sharvee" gained his fame as a "bug exterminator" on the Border in '16.

Drop a line and tell us so.

We hope all the boys will start in early and give the committee in charge of St. Mihiel Day their heartiest co-operation. Don't forget the dates, Sept. 8, 9 and 10.

—J. H. M.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

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TOM MONGUSO (M) was a member of the General Comm. for the Milford reunion.

PERCY BUTLER and BILL ABBEY were at Milford.

JOE KANUSKY (M), HERB JEFFREY (M) and GUY WATTS (LM) went to Milford from Boston, Friday.

PAUL WOOD (M) was down from Springfield, TED NOYES (M) won a horse for the parade. Don't know how he did it.

The Worcester crowd was well represented with DAN JONES (M), AL BENNETT (M), JIM LEIGH, JIM VALENTINE, RALPH KEIRSTEAD (M), PHIL WOOD, LEON JONES (M), GEO. THOMSON (M), FRED FALK, HAROLD NUTE, HENRY LA PLANTE, RED NORTHRIDGE (M), JOHN and HARRY HOPKINS, FRITZ MILLER. DENNIE WALLACE was there from Digby.

—H. G. W. (LM)

I COMPANY

The 14th Annual Reunion Dinner of Co. I, 104th Infantry, was held in the Veterans of Foreign Wars' room,* Saturday evening,† with about 75 attending.

Judge THOMAS J. HAMMOND (LM), former captain of Co. I and later a major in the 104th, acted as toastmaster. Mayor Homer C. Bliss attended and brought the greetings of the city.

Atty. James P. Boland, former City Solicitor and county commander of the American Legion, was the speaker of the evening and spoke at length on Veterans' legislation, past and present, and related many incidents which came to his notice while he was with the Veterans' Bureau. He also mentioned particular cases right in Northampton and in Leeds Veterans' hospital.

The following officers were present and gave brief talks regarding Veterans' affairs: Major A. G. BECKMAN, Capt. FRANK J. REARDON, Capt. LEON LA VALLEE, Lieut. GEORGE COLE of West Springfield, and Sgt. HARRY KELLY.

The majority of those present were from Northampton and surrounding towns; others from Lynn, Concord, South Lincoln, Maynard, Salem, Waltham, Bondsville and Springfield.

A list of departed comrades of Co. I was read and a two-minute silent tribute was paid to their memory. The "Wits" of the company, THOMAS ("RUBE") LENNON and HUGH J. O'REGAN (M) of Lynn, were at their best.

The committee wishes to thank all those who helped to make the reunion a success, especially the house committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 312, for the use of their rooms for this occasion.

This reunion dinner is held every year in commemoration of the first major engagement of Co. I, which was at Apremont April 12, 1918. Our first reunion dinner was held in 1920.

—FRANK J. MAY (M)

102ND M.G. BATTALION

April 22nd—the annual celebration of the Seicheprey Anniversary proved a success. Sixty-eight, only two less than last year, gathered at the American House, tucked away a keg of beer (a legal word now), absorbed a five-word speech from President "CHUCK" NEARY (M), refused to listen to "Senator" MCGRATH and "POP" COVEY (M), paid fines for drinking with the right hand, received a solo from FITZGERALD (of C), gathered about the piano, and otherwise had a memorable evening.

The Nominating Committee, BUCK FREEMAN (M), JOHN MACNEIL (M) and DAVE WEDEN, who apparently spent hours in preparing a slate, suggested LINC MCNALLY for President (it was B Co's turn) and the balance of the slate the same as the previous year—GUY BEAN (M), Secretary; ART HAVLIN (M), Treasurer; and an Executive Committee of STEW JOHNSTON (M) and ED NEWBY (M) of A; "POP" STANCHFIELD (M) and OLIVER ELIOT of B; DICK BRECK and ED FITZPATRICK of C; ED MCLAUGHLIN and HORACE CATH of D; and BOB JENNINGS (M) of Hqs. The whole slate was elected unanimously—unless the clinking glasses drowned any noes.

LINC MCNALLY took charge in great style, and had everything under control.

STEW JOHNSTON (M) and ART HAVLIN (M) were in charge of arrangements. Everyone present was requested to aid in locating JOE VATCHER, who disappeared over two months ago. Col. CHARLES STANCHFIELD (M), 30 Winthrop St., Chelsea, will appreciate any clues.

The next gathering of Bulldogs will be in September, in Vermont, on the Marcheville anniversary. The exact time and place to be determined and announced later.

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Present: HARRY KINSON (M) from Georgetown, HARRY HAMILT (heavyweight) from Lynn, WALTER ROWE (M) and H. P. SAURMAN each from Malden—

*City not named by correspondent: Northampton?

† Date not given by correspondent.

RAY VORHEES with his gracious smile. In case you don't know, HARRY STRANDQUIST died in 1926, is buried in Concord, N.H.; ALBERT ROCKWELL lives in Denver, Col.; GLEN WHORRALL in Eldora, Iowa.

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Also present: Fireman FIRTH (ANDREWS from Melrose), GEORGE BENTLEY (M), "POP" COVEY (M), "BUCK" FREEMAN (M), ART HALVIN (M), STEW JOHNSTON (M), JOHN SANBORN always present—of course CARL REED up from Ipswich but soon of Yarmouthport as farm cuts down—EDDIE COLLINS of Framingham says "A" is his outfit (can't blame him for that)—"BUD" FISHER from Portland, Maine, KEN FISH, GUS BURNHAM, NICK NICHOLLS from Quincy—TOMMY ROOT from New York City—Home brewers MAX GEORGE and FRANK HITCHCOCK—Exec. Com. man ED NEWBY. Prize stranger, RALPH TEDFORD,who is now working as a psychologist at Mass. State prison, BERNIE BAGWELL and RUS JONES, so quiet, almost overlooked, HARRY RODD tossed gold coins about, "Buy Force" (adv.). Unknown addressess, FRANK CURTAIN and TOM ALEXANDER. Where was "BARON" BEAN?

B COMPANY

Answering Roll Call: WARREN ANDREWS, HARRY BARROWS, BURNHAM, HERMAN BUSH, MELVIN CARLSON, HENRY CHAPIN, DANFORTH, B. F. ELLIOTT from Johnstown, Pa., RAY FERRIS, FRANK GILLESPIE, DAVE HILTEN, A. S. HUDDELL from Newark, N. J., LORNE KAYE, JERRY LUCEY, IRA MARGOLIS, HAROLD MARTIN, LINC MCNALLY, JOE MONLEY, FRANK OLIVER, HAROLD PORTER, RICH, BILL ROWE, HARLEY SCOTT and POP STANCHFIELD. FRED STONE (Vermont) in Chelsea Naval Hospital, Ward B, wants to see some of the gang. Unknown addresses, JACK CROSBY, RALPH BEAN, LEO MAHER, CHET COOPER, LESTER DREW, TOGELMAN, WILFRED HANLIN and JOHN ANDERSON. W. W. GARFIELD is in Highland Park, Illinois—glad to see anyone; also many others too numerous to mention.

C COMPANY

A smaller turnout, only half A or B's attendance—here they are: BRYANT, GEORGE CHEYNE, FITZGERALD, ED FITZPATRICK, NORM GAY, RAY KINCAID of New Britain, Conn., JOHN MACNEIL, SCOTTY MCKINNON (he isn't giving out his address, as Bulldogs howled around his window at 2 A.M. at his last address)—Pres. CHUCK NEARY, TOM PRICE, MERRILL RAMSAY and TORREY from Marblehead. Unknown address, FRANK BECKER. WILLIAM MATHIS, 151 West 231st Street, New York City, wants help in getting disability pension.

D COMPANY

To our knowledge, no D man present. Sometime we'll show the Conn. Yankees how worthwhile is being present. DON HOBART is 1st Vice Comm. of Am. Vets Ass'n, lives at 455 Gramatan Ave., Mt. Vernon, New York says G. A. NELSON of Jackson Heights, Long Island, F. P. MALONE is with Miami Daily News, Florida; H. P. SHELDON lives at Falls Church, Va.

—A. C. H.

(Company news items not checked as to Y.D.V.A. membership)

103RD MACHINE GUN B'N.

The veterans of Company C, 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, held their Seventh Annual Dinner and installation of officers on Tuesday, April 4, at the Old France Restaurant, Providence.

CLIFTON ARNOLD, former constable of Lincoln and popular purveyor of foodstuffs, was elected Commander succeeding our genial and retiring brother-in-arms CLIFTON LEWIS HIGGINS.

The brothers consumed with much relish a delicious steak dinner, after which the gang divided into groups and discussed the "do-you-remember-whens."

KENNETH "Avoirdupois" DENNIS officiated at the piano and the old quartet again assembled and sang with much gusto the tunes which they popularized (or was it demoralized) in the several cafes of la belle France.

A collection for the unemployed was taken up by Bill Stang and Lafe Shurtliff, for which the recipients expressed their most sincere thanks. Especially to brother MOODY, the boy with the remote control, do we desire to thank for his most generous contribution.

Brother Steen gave an inspiring talk to the assemblage on the turning out of the Association on Decoration Day, which was received with plaudits from said assemblage.

It was voted to send a notice of this meeting to our old skipper Major WILLIAM MUNSELL (M), who is now residing in Detroit, letting him know that we all were thinking of him and all hoping that he and his family are in good health, and if he happens to hit Providence any time in the near future we would sure like to see him.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for an oyster stew to be served to the members on Tuesday, May 2, at the Armory of Mounted Commands: KENNETH DENNIS, EDWIN DENNIS (M), LAFE SHURTLIFF, CLIFTON ARNOLD.

The following members were in attendance at the dinner: CLIFTON HIGGINS, Past Com.; CLIFTON ARNOLD, Commander; ERNEST WOODS, Vice Commander; RICHARD KING (M), Finance Officer; LOUIS STEEN, Chaplain; VERNE MOODY, STANLEY MITCHELL, JOHN KELLEY, LAFAYETTE SHURTLIFF, WILLIAM WATTS, HOMER POIRIER, WILLIAM STANG,

And we know times are tough.

Robert Murray, Robert Healy, William Thompson, Herbert Dawson, David Ward, Frank Diffley, John Dolliver, Harry Clark, Walter Abbey, Fred Joy, Ethelbert Robillette, Kenneth Dennis, Edwin Dennis, Hugh Meehan, James Thomas, Norman McLeod, Robert Bell.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

DOINGS OF D

Needless to say that the Regimental Reunion of the Engineers at the Cadet Armory, Saturday, April 8, found all the gang from D Company on deck, in fact they overshadowed the rest of the companies so bad that we had hard work to find any but our own boys. We sure must hand it to the ladies for the wonderful banquet they served us; they did a great job and to them we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Our company meeting, held in the gun-room, for the purpose of laying out plans for our annual reunion, which will be held at Concord, N.H., this year on June 16-17-18, found the boys ready and all set to be present. The different committees have joined together and practically all plans are now complete. Each member will be notified within a few weeks and given a detailed report on what is what, so there will be no excuse for your not showing up.

By chance your name is not on our mailing list, which is not due to our carelessness as we are striving daily to keep this list complete and up-to-date. If you have any doubt about this, drop a line to George St. Laurent (M), c/o Quincy Oil Co., Quincy, Mass., and you may be sure that George will take care of your needs hereafter.

This is just an advance notice that we are planning on the best reunion ever this year, and expect you to do your part by being present. We will have the First Corps Cadet Band with us once again so you can step out in the parade. Set that date down as taken care of and be there.

—J. H. Youlden
Pres. D Co., Asso.

FANCIES OF F

The big news of the year! May 27 is the date, and the place is the same old dug-out in the bowels of the Cadet Armory. What? No need to ask. The E and F War Babies, Annual Reunion. If you haven't attended for a few years, try to be there this year; it's the one time and place where the spirit of the old days comes to life again.

Jimmy Connors dropped into the Club the other day—the first time for a helluva while. Busy with raising one of F Company's prize families.

Whose name do we find among the newest recruits to the Y.D.V.A., but Eddie Glines (M), now of Los Angeles, Calif., and a member of the YD chapter there, along with former Sgt. Monteith (M).

Ought to have a lot of dope next month, after the big party.

—P. N. S. (M)

51st F.A. BRIG. HDQTRS. DET.

The next Reunion will take place on Sunday, May 21, at 12:00 o'clock, noon at the YD Club of Boston, 200 Huntington Ave.

Lunch will be served at Childs' "Old France" Restaurant a few doors away at 1:30—30 cents to $1.00—each man to pay his own—no other charges to be made and no collection taken. After lunch a meeting and get-together will be held at the Club.

Tell everyone about this and come regardless; don't let last year's suit keep you from being there. Join your old buddies, and if transportation can't be arranged let us know.

John McCashin promises to be present. Our old friend Clarence Perkins writes from California and wants to return to New England; has been connected with Standard Oil for six years until recently.

MacRae (M) will come from New York City again. We hope to hear from some of the Worcester crowd. Further information will be given out at the reunion.

George A. Livesy (M)
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103rd FIELD ARTILLERY

REUNION AT CONCORD

At the Portland Convention last year a not large, but somewhat representative, group of 103rd F.A. shell-tossers met in the Graymore Hotel. The claim to representation lay in the fact that practically every outfit was represented.

Lamenting the fact that no regimental get-together or banquet had been planned, and with much criticism of everyone from the Colonel to the bucks, an adjournment to the Dining Room was had to the strains of "Hoch! Der Kaiser" as whistled by some irresponsible wretch with "dirt behind his ears" who happened to be standing by, and the First Annual Banquet was under way.

The 103rd F.A. Association was there formed for but a single purpose:—to arrange each year for an annual get-together at the National YD Convention.

So whether you like it or not, you are a paid-up member in good standing by virtue of your service with the old outfit. All that is needed is your name

and address, and if you can give it, your promise to be at Concord.

To carry out the purposes of the Association, officers were elected: C. Bird Keach (M), President; Fred A. McKenna (M), Secretary; and E. P. Walker (M), Publicity Officer. Every man present was elected and delegated a key-man for the Concord Convention.

All men on the roster of the old outfit are on the committee, and delegated to bring at least one shell-greaser (himself).

In addition to these committees at large, a Volunteer Committee was formed to establish Rallying Posts, both for outfits and localities, in order that O. A. and F. A. experts who have no access to Yankee Doings (Heaven forbid!—two bucks brings it for one year) may be recruited and assigned to a three-day field duty at Concord, New Hampshire.

Here they are:

Randolph Darling, Pawtucket; Sam Moffitt (M), Manchester;—Batt. A.

Dr. E. K. Devine (M), Providence; Henry McCarthy (M), Riverside, R. I.;—Batt. B.

Kenneth Johnson (M) (His Honor), Milton, Mass.; R. J. R. Platt, Providence;—Batt. C.

Capt. Thomas Fitzgerald (M), Manchester; W. F. Stanley, Springvale, Me.;—Batt. D.

A. S. O'Brien, West Falmouth, Me.; Joseph Driscoll, Bradford, Conn.;—Batt. E.

E. P. Walker (M), Portland, Me.; Joseph Harvey, Saco, Me.;—Supply Co.

William Coward, Providence; George Pretat (M), Providence;—Headquarters Co.

So git your gang together, all you "cent-cinquant-cinq-ers."

S.O.S. Let's hear from F Battery!

Sam Moffitt (M) has volunteered the task of making arrangements for us at the Convention. He wants some idea as to the number for whom he must plan. Give him a hand by letting him know at your earliest moment of your plans, either sending notice to Samuel Moffitt (M), 57 Market Street, Manchester, New Hampshire; Fred A. McKenna (M), 198 Baker Street, Providence, Rhode Island; or C. Bird Keach (M), 313 Turks Head Building, Providence, Rhode Island.

Remember the present embarrassment, Sam. We would rather have baked beans and ham and the gang there, in preference to porterhouse steak and no one to talk to.

101ST TRAIN HQ. & M.P.

The boys of this organization wish to thank the members of the 104th Infantry for their invitation to attend their 14th annual reunion at Milford, Mass., last month. "Happy Days Are Here Again," was the theme song, as long as the boys' voices lasted.

Had a visit from Mattie Phealin of Walpole last week; he is a gang foreman or the Edison El. Co. He is now in the 200 pound class and looks fine; he has went and got himself married, "good luck," Mat.

"Hap" (The Red) McKenney and "Hub" Robinson are now putting out fires for the Reading Fire Dept.

Herbert "Hub" Fales (M) can usually be found at the office of his lumber company, on Union Ave., Framingham.

Ernest Fairbanks, formerly of Wakefield, is now the "prop" of a big chemical lab. at Bayside, L. I.

Bill Murray (M) is located in Natick, and still trying to baby the battery of linotypes at Poor's Publishing Co., Babson Park (Wellesley Hills, Mass.).

Harry Brundage is living in West Concord, Mass., and doing guard duty at the Concord Reformatory.

Saw "Mule Skinner" Fred Shaw of Natick. His health is much better, in fact he wanted me to go have a few cups of "tea" with him. Did I say no?

Now this fellow "Pinkie" Kennedy, of Holliston; well, all that I can say is that he is still embalming the "dead ones." —W. F. M. (M)

SIGNAL CORPS SIGNALS

ANNUAL REUNION AND BANQUET

About one hundred "telephone girls" of the 101st Fld. Sig. Bn. Vets' Ass'n attended their Annual Banquet, Saturday night, April 29, 1933, at the Hotel Westminster, Boston.

Many of the old gang who haven't been able to attend very regularly in the past were with us—and was there a Reunion?—Ask somebody who was present?

General Danny Needham (M) was the speaker of the evening and he certainly won the admiration of the crowd. After humorously describing some of his experiences in France as an Artillery Signal Officer, he gave a very interesting and educational talk on the Signal System used by the State Police.

Of course, you all know that General Needham (M) is the new Commissioner of Public Safety in this grand old Bay State, and the State Police come within his jurisdiction.

It was unanimously decided that the Signal Corps would be present en masse at Concord, N. H., next June 16, 17, and 18, and as far as the "telephone girls" were concerned the Y.D.V.A. Convention was going to be a "Wow." Let's go, Signal Corps.

Tim Mulcahy (M) declared he was going to wear his white pants and defied the whole A. E. F. to "wreck 'em."—See if he cares!

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